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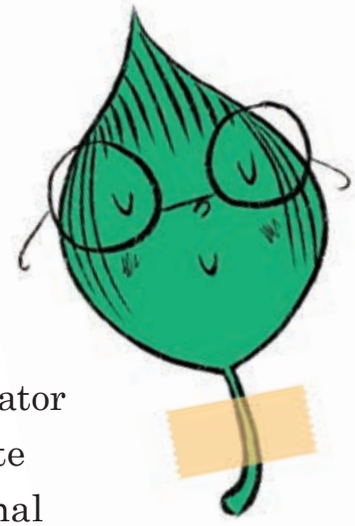
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ARDAGH & ELWICK

Award-winning author Philip Ardagh and author/illustrator Elissa Elwick teamed up as Ardagh & Elwick to create the Little Adventurers. Although Ardagh writes the final words and Elwick draws the final pictures, they work together on making up the stories and deciding what everyone gets up to on each page, which is far too much fun. Ardagh is very tall with a big bushy beard. Elwick isn't.

To all those who've had
a pet leaf, pebble, or Lego brick,
for however short a time.
P.A.

To Mathilda, Tom
and Sasha, for all our
little adventures. xx
E.E.

The Little Adventurers series is dedicated to the memory of Sally Goldsworthy of The Discover Children's Story Centre, Stratford, East London. She was an inspiration to so many.

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We're Little Adventurers, one and all.
Not too little. Not too tall.



We meet each week, in our shed HQ,
ready to share our fun with YOU.

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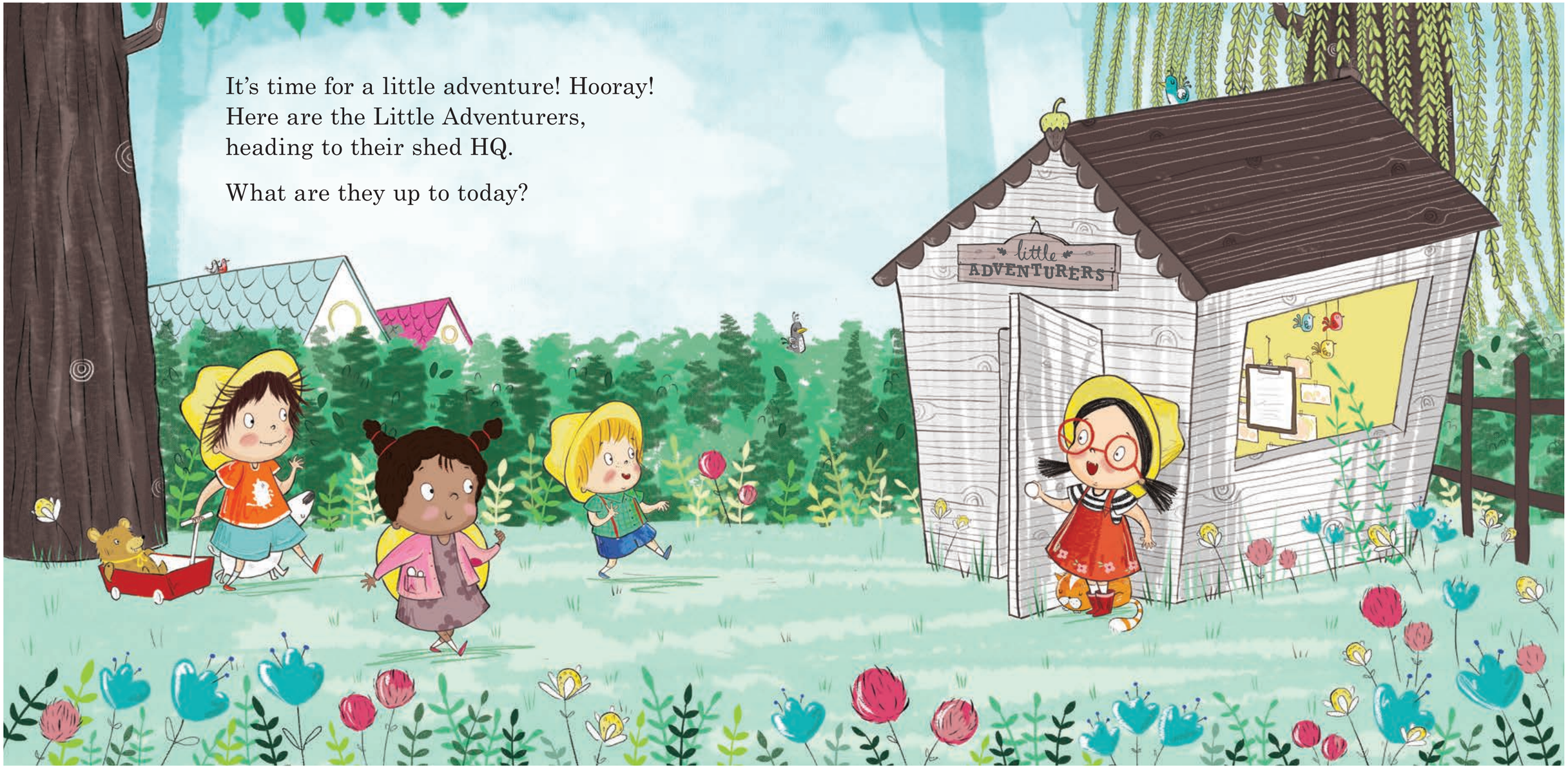
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IT'S BRING IN A PET DAY!

This is a chance for the Little Adventurers to show how much they know about their precious pets. And to award each other sticky stickers!



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"I've bringed my puppy!" says Finnegan.

"*Brought*," says Floss, tapping her bossy boot.

"Her name is Licky Dog," says Finnegan.

"Why's she called that then?" asks Peanut.





"*That's* why," says Finnegan.

"I've brought Pocket!" says Peanut. They go everywhere together because Pocket lives in Peanut's pocket.

"And I brought Podge," says Floss, giving her cat an extra-special squeeeeeeze.

"What pet have you brought, Sprat?" asks Finnegan.



"Shadow," says Sprat proudly, looking around for his little black cat.

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Hmmmm.
Where IS Shadow?

She's not here.



She's not there.

Sprat can't see Shadow
ANYWHERE.





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